

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 654

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Section 21, which relates to contraband in prisons and jails; prohibiting cellular phones and telecommunications devices or equipment; including certain prohibited device or equipment in felony penalty; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2001, Section 21, is amended to read as follows:

Section 21. A. Any person who, without authority, brings into or has in his or her possession in any jail or state penal institution or other place where prisoners are located, any gun, knife, bomb or other dangerous instrument, any controlled dangerous substance as defined by Section 2-101 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, any intoxicating beverage or low-point beer as defined by Sections 163.1 and 163.2 of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes, money, ~~or~~ financial documents for a person other than the inmate or a spouse of the inmate, including, but not limited to tax returns, or any cellular phone or telecommunications device or equipment intended for use by any inmate or in the possession or control by any inmate, shall be guilty of a felony and is subject to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for not less than one (1) year or more than five (5) years, or a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment.

B. If an inmate is found to be in possession of any such item, upon conviction, such inmate shall be guilty of a felony and shall be subject to imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years in the State Penitentiary.

C. If the person found to be in possession of any such item has, prior to the commission of said offense, committed two or more felony offenses, and said possession of contraband was within ten (10) years of the completion of the execution of the sentence, such person, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term of not less than twenty (20) years. Felony offenses relied upon shall not have arisen out of the same transaction or occurrence or series of events closely related in time and location.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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